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SUBJ: WORLD FOOD COUNCIL PRESIDENT MAREI'S EFFORTS TO OBTAIN  
FUNDS FROM OPEC COUNTRIES FOR INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR  
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

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1. RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTS THAT WORLD FOOD COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
SAYED MAREI IS RECEIVING ASSURANCES OF CONTRIBUTION BY SAUDI  
ARABIA TO INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT,  
BUT IRANIAN CONTRIBUTION DEPENDS UPON MAREI'S VISIT TO TALK  
PERSONALLY WITH SHAH - WHICH HAS BEEN TWICE DEFERRED. SOURCE  
REPORTS IRANIAN REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO INDICATES CONTRIBUTION  
WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IF MAREI GOES TO TALK DIRECTLY WITH SHAH.

2. ALTHOUGH MAREI DURING MEETING IN ROME MARCH 1 WITH REPRESENT-  
ATIVES OF WORLD FOOD COUNCIL MEMBER COUNTRIES REFERRED TO MANY  
CONTACTS WITH HIGH-LEVEL OPEC OFFICIALS, THIS SOURCE INDICATES  
THAT THESE CONTACTS WERE ALL IN CAIRO, AS TOP OR SECOND-LEVEL  
OFFICIALS TRANSITED THERE, AND THAT MAREI HAS NOT VENTURED  
FROM CAIRO.

3. COMMENT: THIS REPORT IS NOT INTENDED AS CRITICISM OF MAREI'S  
FAILURE TO TRAVEL, WHICH HE PROBABLY IS UNABLE TO DO BECAUSE  
OF HIS RESPONSIBILITIES AS NO. 2 IN EGYPT. IT SHOULD BE RECOGNIZ-  
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ED, HOWEVER, THAT HIS INABILITY TO TRAVEL IS IMPORTANT SHORT-

COMING IN EFFORTS TO ELICIT OPEC FUNDS, AND THAT HE IS CONCEAL-  
LING IT AND EVEN GIVING CONTRARY IMPRESSION IN HIS STATEMENTS.  
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